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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No: 24-cr-20026

v.

WILLIE B. HOPKINS,

Defendant.

Hon. Sean F. Cox

Violations:

18 U.S.C. § 1951(a)

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)

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FIRST SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

18 U.S.C. § 1951(a)

Interference with Commerce by Robbery

On or about July 12, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, WILLIE B. HOPKINS, unlawfully obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce, and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, by robbery, in that WILLIE B. HOPKINS unlawfully took United States currency from the presence of a store employee of the Speedway gas station in Ypsilanti Township, Michigan, against his will by means of actual and threatened force, and violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future, to his person; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a).

COUNT TWO

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)

Use and Carry of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence

On or about July 12, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, WILLIE B. HOPKINS, knowingly used and carried a firearm, that is, one black semiautomatic handgun, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, interference with commerce by robbery, as alleged in Count One, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A). It is further alleged that the firearm was brandished.

COUNT THREE

18 U.S.C. § 1951(a)

Interference with Commerce by Robbery

On or about July 19, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, WILLIE B. HOPKINS, unlawfully obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce, and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, by robbery, in that WILLIE B. HOPKINS unlawfully took United States currency from the presence of a store employee of the Kroger grocery store in Ypsilanti, Michigan, against his will by means of actual and threatened force, and violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future, to his person; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a).

COUNT FOUR

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)

Use and Carry of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence

On or about July 19, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, WILLIE B. HOPKINS, knowingly used and carried a firearm, that is, one black semiautomatic handgun, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, interference with commerce by robbery, as alleged in Count Three, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A). It is further alleged that the firearm was brandished.

COUNT FIVE

18 U.S.C. § 1951(a)

Interference with Commerce by Robbery

On or about July 29, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, WILLIE B. HOPKINS, unlawfully obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce, and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, by robbery, in that WILLIE B. HOPKINS unlawfully took United States currency from the presence of a store employee of the BP gas station in Ann Arbor, Michigan, against his will by means of actual and threatened force, and violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future, to his person; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a).

COUNT SIX

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)

Use and Carry of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence

On or about July 29, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, WILLIE B. HOPKINS, knowingly used and carried a firearm, that is, one black semiautomatic handgun, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, interference with commerce by robbery, as alleged in Count Five, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A). It is further alleged that the firearm was brandished.

COUNT SEVEN

18 U.S.C. § 1951(a)

Interference with Commerce by Robbery

On or about August 1, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, WILLIE B. HOPKINS, unlawfully obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce, and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, by robbery, in that WILLIE B. HOPKINS unlawfully took United States currency from the presence of a store employee of the Shell gas station in Ann Arbor, Michigan, against his will by means of actual and threatened force, and violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future, to his person; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a).

COUNT EIGHT

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)

Use and Carry of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence

On or about August 1, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, WILLIE B. HOPKINS, knowingly used and carried a firearm, that is, one black semi-automatic handgun, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, interference with commerce by robbery, as alleged in Count Seven, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A). It is further alleged that the firearm was brandished.

COUNT NINE

18 U.S.C. § 1951(a)

Interference with Commerce by Robbery

On or about August 3, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, WILLIE B. HOPKINS, unlawfully obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce, and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, by robbery, in that WILLIE B. HOPKINS unlawfully took United States currency from the presence of store employees of the BP gas station in Dundee, Michigan, against their will by means of actual and threatened force, and violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future, to their persons; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a).

COUNT TEN

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)

Use and Carry of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence

On or about August 3, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, WILLIE B. HOPKINS, knowingly used and carried a firearm, that is, one black semi-automatic handgun, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, interference with commerce by robbery, as alleged in Count Nine, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A). It is further alleged that the firearm was brandished.

COUNT ELEVEN

18 U.S.C. § 1951(a)

Interference with Commerce by Robbery

On or about August 8, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, WILLIE B. HOPKINS, unlawfully obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce, and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, by robbery, in that WILLIE B. HOPKINS unlawfully took United States currency from the presence of a store employee of the Mobil gas station in Ann Arbor, Michigan, against his will by means of actual and threatened force, and violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future, to his person; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a).

COUNT TWELVE

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)

Use and Carry of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence

On or about August 8, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, WILLIE B. HOPKINS, knowingly used and carried a firearm, that is, one black semi-automatic handgun, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, interference with commerce by robbery, as alleged in Count Eleven, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A). It is further alleged that the firearm was brandished.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

Pursuant to Fed. R. Cr. P. 32.2(a), Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and 28 United States Code, Section 2461, the government hereby provides notice to the defendant of its intention to seek forfeiture of all proceeds, direct or indirect, or property traceable thereto, of the violations set forth in this Indictment.

Upon conviction of the offenses charged in Count Two, Count Four, Count Six, Count Eight, Count Ten, or Count Twelve of this Indictment, WILLIE B. HOPKINS shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) and 28 United States Code, Section 2461, any firearm, or ammunition involved in said offenses.

Substitute Assets: If the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of:

- a. Cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. Has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. Has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. Has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. Has been commingled with other property that cannot be divided without difficulty,

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

THIS IS A TRUE BILL

s/ Grand Jury Foreperson

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Dated: February 26, 2025

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| This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) ¹ : | | Judge Assigned: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | AUSA's Initials: <u>SA</u> |

Case Title: USA v. Willie Hopkins

County where offense occurred : Washtenaw

Check One: **Felony** **Misdemeanor** **Petty**

Indictment/ Information --- **no** prior complaint.

Indictment/ Information --- based upon prior complaint [Case number:]

Indictment/ Information --- based upon LCrR 57.10 (d) [Complete Superseding section below].

Superseding Case Information

Superseding to Case No: 24-20026 **Judge:** Sean F. Cox

- Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.
- Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.
- Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

| Defendant name | Charges | Prior Complaint (if applicable) |
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| Willie Hopkins | 18 U.S.C. § 1951(a) 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A) | |

Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.

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